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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for

1964

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH - W. R. PLEWS,

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Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.

11, King Edward Street,
MACCLESFIELD.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Bollington Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 1964.

Mr. Bates took up his appointment as Public Health Inspector and Housing Manager on the 27th January 1964 and it gives me great pleasure to welcome him to Bollington, which has grown from a population of 5,460 in 1959 when I first presented my first Annual Report to you, to 5,700 in 1964. In my first, and many of my subsequent Annual Reports I have mentioned my regret that no progress was made in slum clearance. Once again I have to report no progress in the year under review, but at the time of writing detailed house inspections are about to commence, so that I should be able to report detail of progress in my next report.

New legislation continued to put additional work on to the department in 1964. The Shops, Offices and Railway premises Act 1963, came into operation in May 1st 1964 and those premises to be registered with the Local Authority were in the main so registered before the end of the year. My own impression is that the legislation was much needed.

The number of live births registered during the year was 111 compared to 98 during 1963. It is to be regretted that the number of illegitimate births also shows an increase from 5 in 1963 to 7 in 1964. The number of deaths and the death rates are much higher than in 1963. The bulk of the increase was in two of the principal causes of death namely diseases of Heart and Circulation and Cancer (all forms)

I have included as usual, an extract from my Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and the help they have given to me throughout the year, and also to the Officers and Members of the other Departments for their help and co-operation so readily given.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area in acres.....	1,443
Population (Registrar General's Estimate- Mid-1964).....	5,700
Number of Inhabited Houses (December 1964).....	2,068
Rateable Value (December 1964).....	£178,233
Product of Penny Rate(1964/65).....	£704
Total Live Births.....	111
Birth Rate (crude).....	19.47
Birth Rate (corrected).....	18.77
Still Births.....	1
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 total births).....	9.009
Total Deaths (all causes).....	98
Death Rate (crude).....	17.19
Death Rate (corrected).....	17.19

VITAL STATISTICS.

(a) <u>NOTIFIED LIVE BIRTHS.</u>	<u>MALE.</u>	<u>FEMALE.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Legitimate.....	59 (37)	45 (56)	104 (93)
Illegitimate.....	2 (2)	5 (3)	7 (5)
TOTAL : 61 (39)	50 (59)	111 (98)	
<u>NOTIFIED STILL BIRTHS.</u>	<u>MALE.</u>	<u>FEMALE.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Legitimate.....	1 (1)	- (-)	1. (1)
Illegitimate.....	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
TOTAL 1 (1)	- (-)	1. (1)	
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS.</u>	<u>MALE.</u>	<u>FEMALE.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
62 (40)	53 (59)	112 (99)	

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER THOUSAND ESTIMATED POPULATION.....	19.47
LIVE BIRTH RATE PER THOUSAND ESTIMATED POPULATION(corrected).....	18.77
STILL BIRTH RATE PER THOUSAND TOTAL BIRTHS.....	9.009

(b) INFANT MORTALITY.

During the year, there were three under 4 weeks neonatal deaths, two male and one female. this resulting in a neonatal death rate of 27.03. There were two in 1963, the rates for 1962 and 1961 being Nil and 10.57 respectively.

In addition, there were two infant deaths, one male and one female over the age of 1 month, but under 12 months, thus giving an infant mortality rate of 45.04 per thousand live births, a very high rate indeed and one which I hope will not be repeated in future years.

(c) REGISTERED DEATHS.

<u>YEAR..</u>	<u>MALE.</u>	<u>FEMALE.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1959	31	21	52
1960	39	37	76
1961	35	41	76
1962	52	53	105
1963	39	33	72
1964	53	45	98

The crude death rate for 1964 was 17.19

The corrected death rate for 1964 was 17.19

The corresponding death rates for 1963 were 12.63 and 12.37 respectively.

<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.</u>	<u>MALE.</u>	<u>FEMALE.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
DISEASES OF HEART AND CIRCULATION.	15 (13)	17. (11)	32 (24)
VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM.....	9 (8)	6 (8)	15 (16)
CANCER (ALL FORMS).....	14 (4)	7 (7)	21 (11)
PNEUMONIA AND BRONCHITIS	6 (6)	3 (2)	9 (8)
ALL OTHER CAUSES OF DEATH.....	9 (9)	12 (5)	21 (13)
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	53 (39)	45 (33)	98 (72)

AGE GROUP AT DEATH.

YEAR	1959		1960		1961		1962.		1963.		1964.	
	M.	F.										
Under 1 year.	-	1	3	1	1	2	-	2	3.	1	3	2
1 - 5 yrs	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1
6 -15 yrs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 -25 yrs	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
26 -45 yrs	1	1	3	-	4	2	-	2	-	1	-	-
46 -65 yrs	9	6	9	8	13	6	8	4	12	6	18	8
66 -74 yrs	12	6	16	9	8	10	6	16	8	8	15	14
75yrs +	9	7	9	14	12	20	15	29	13	18	16	19
TOTAL:	31	21	39	37	34	42	32	53	39	33	53	45

The number of deaths, which was 98, was more than in 1963. The proportion of persons dying over the age of 65 years showed no change from 1963 i.e. 65%. 30 persons aged over 65 died in hospital (47% of all deaths over 65 years of age)

(d) TUBERCULOSIS.

One new case was notified in 1964, after a period of 6 years without a new case. Every effort must still be made to get the parents of children of school leaving age to agree to have their children protected by B.C.G. vaccination.

YEAR.	MALES.		FEMALES.		TOTAL.
	PULMONARY.	NON-PULMONARY	PULMONARY.	NON-PULMONARY.	
1964.	9	5	9	6	29

(e) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following diseases were notified during the year 1964:-

Scarlet Fever.....	Nil (3)
Measles.....	105 (43)
Whooping Cough.....	9 (7)

11, King Edward Street,
Macclesfield.

To The Chairman and Members of the
Macclesfield Divisional Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year ended 31st December 1964. The year was very pleasing in many ways, possibly the most satisfactory being Official Opening of the new Junior and Adult Training Centres in May by Sir Arthur Vere Harvey, M.P. These centres were very much needed and the very important work done in them is described more fully by the Supervisors Mrs. Cheadle and Mr. Lowe later in this report, I am sure that everyone will agree that the Centres have had an excellent start.

The population of the Division has increased to 44,240 the overspill rehousing from Manchester on the Upton Priory Estate playing a small part in the increased population as at 31st December 1964 there were 145 houses occupied on the Upton Priory Estate. The growth of the Division will inevitably mean a greater volume of work but I am particularly concerned about the Upton Priory Estate as an increase in the number of Health Visitor's, Midwives and Home Nurses will shortly be required to provide an adequate service.

I would be very remiss if I did not draw your attention to the establishment of the Therapeutic Social Club for those who have been ill - the Senior Mental Welfare Officer describes this fully in his section of the report, but I am indebted to Dr. Boardman, Dr. Hughes and the staff of the Parkside Hospital who have worked closely with the Mental Welfare Officers to make and maintain the success of the club.

I would like to express my thanks to all of those voluntary workers who have assisted the Department in many ways, and also the officers and staffs of the District Council Departments for their co-operation and help. Lastly, I would like to thank my own office staff who are affected by the increased work of the different sections and who have worked extremely hard during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

W.R.PLEWS,

Macclesfield Divisional Medical Officer of
Health.

Constitution of the Divisional Health Committee:-

County Council.

Alderman George Astbury, J.P. }
Alderman F. McBirnie } Ex- Officio)
Alderman A.E. Barwood.
Alderman Mrs. M.I. Gillies.
Councillor Mrs. F.L. Tunstall (Chairman) (to 15.6.64)
Councillor H.E.R. Peers (From May 1964)

Macclesfield Borough Council.

Alderman Mrs. M.E. Wright (Chairman from 15.6.64)
Councillor Mrs. M.M. Clegg.
Councillor Mrs. G. Weatherby.
Councillor Mrs. C.M. McCoy.
Alderman W.A. Ledgar.
Councillor L. Walton.
Councillor P.A. Thomas (to 15.6.64)
Councillor H. Hodkinson.
Councillor S. Woodman (to 15.6.64)
Councillor Mrs. H.O. Barentz.
Councillor A.S. Allan (From 15.6.64)
Councillor Mrs. H. Heywood (From 15.6.64)

Bollington Urban District Council.

Councillor Mrs. E.A. Mosley J.P. (to 15.6.64)
Councillor F.G. Thompson.
Councillor Mrs. D. Maguire (From 15.6.64)

Co-opted Members.

	Representing.	
Dr. F.R.M. Young		Local Medical Panel Committee within Division.
Mrs. A.M. White.	do	No.10 Divisional Executive for Education-Macclesfield & District
Mrs. G. Britton.	do	National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
Councillor Mrs. B. Davies. J.P.	do	St. Dunstans Institute for the Blind.
Mrs. E. Wemyss Smith.	do	Macclesfield Council for Social Services.
Clerk to the Committee.	do	Mr. A.E.F. Dear.

The administrative staff for the Divisional Medical Officer was as under:-

Chief Administrative Assistant.	Mr. H. Greenhouse	Part-time with the Borough of Macclesfield.
General Clerk	Mrs. E.M. Bannister	
Clerk/Typist.	Miss. M. Jackson	
Junior Clerk	Miss. G.A. Hughes	
Welfare Foods & Chiropody Service	Mrs. M.H. Andrews	
Immunological Records & Clinics	Mrs. B. Honey.	
Domestic Help Supervisor.	Mrs. J. Cheetham.	

The Committee administer approved proposals under the National Health Service Act, 1946, as under:-

Section 22	Care of Mothers and Young Children.
" 23	Midwifery.
" 24	Health Visiting.
" 25	Home Nursing.
" 26	Vaccination & Immunisation.
" 28	Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.
" 29	Domestic Help.
" 51	Mental Health Service.

The following is a record of work done during the year 1964.

SECTION 22 - Care of Mothers and Young Children.

Infant Welfare Clinics.

<u>Attendances made by children.</u>	<u>Attendances.</u>	<u>No. seen by Doctors.</u>
Bridge Street. 53 Sessions.	5302	685
Hurdsfield House 50 Sessions.	2136	438
Sanders Square. 50 Sessions.	2138	486
Weston 50 Sessions.	2846	544
Bollington. 22 Sessions.	1658	267

Pre-School (Todlers) Clinic.

Attendances made by Children.

Bridge Street. 10 Sessions.	160	150
Hurdsfield House. 11 Sessions	105	95
Sanders Square 11 Sessions.	53	40

Ante-Natal Clinics.

<u>Attendances made by mothers.</u>	<u>First Visits.</u>	<u>Return Visits.</u>	<u>No. seen by Dr.</u>
Bridge Street 23 Sessions	283	602	510
Hurdsfield House 12 Sessions.	82	195	159
Sanders Square. 12 Sessions	56	162	126

Applications for admission to West Park Hospital.

Number of Applications received - 416

<u>Number accepted by</u> <u>West Park Hospital</u>	<u>Number accepted by</u> <u>other hospitals.</u>	<u>Home Confinements due</u> <u>to non-acceptance.</u>
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WELFARE FOODS.

The main storage and distribution centre at Macclesfield and the distribution points at 52, Bridge Street, Hurdsfield House, Sanders Square, Weston Estate and Bollington Welfare Centres and Bollington Council Offices were retained.

During the year the following quantities of food were distributed the previous year being shown in brackets:-

National Dried Milk	8664 (7816) tins
Orange Juice	10139 (8418) Bottles
Cod Liver Oil.	961 (883) Bottles
Vitamins 'A' & 'D' Tablets	1208 (1156) Packets.

Branded Foods including Milk Foods, Cereals and other commodities continued to be sold at the Welfare Centres and during the year the total sales amounted to £2728. 3. 7d (and in 1963 - £2105. 0. 9d)

SPECIALIST CLINICS.

Ophthalmic Clinic. The ophthalmic clinic at the School Clinic is available to mothers and children under 5 years of age and the following is a report of the work done during the year:-

No. of mothers who attended the Clinic	Nil
No. of children under 5 years who attended	36
No. of attendances made by children under 5.	54
No. of Children for whom glasses were prescribed	- 28

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic. This clinic is held once each month at the School Clinic and is available to Mothers and Children under 5 years.

No. of attendances made by mothers.	Nil
No. of attendances made by children under 5 years.	4
No. of children referred to for Tonsils and Adenoids	

Operation. 1

Dental Treatment- Treatment carried out by the School Dentist for Mothers and children under 5 years.

Maternity.	Cases Exam'd	Needing Treatment.	Treated.	Extra- ctions	Anesthetic Local.	Anesthetic Gen.	Filling.	Denture.
cases.	4	4	4	24	8	1	5	4
Child Welfare.	36	36	34	46	1	20	26	-

DAY NURSERIES.

The following is a summary of attendances etc., for the year:-

	<u>Attendances.</u>		<u>Total Average</u>
	<u>Under 2 years</u>	<u>2 - 5 yrs.</u>	<u>Daily Attendances.</u>
South Park.	2546	5519	33
Clegg Street.	1886	7435	38
Hurdsfield.	2154	6691	36
Bollington.	2041	5289	30

SECTION 23 - MIDWIVES SERVICES.

Notification of births received:-

	<u>Live</u>		<u>Stillborn</u>		<u>Total</u>		<u>Total Births.</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Legitimate	380	372	6	3	386	375	761
Illegitimate	16	13	-	-	16	13	29
	396	385	6	3	402	388	790

There are seven County Midwives employed in the Division.

There was a total of 790 births in the Division, 402 males and 388 Females.

Birth took place as follows:-

	<u>Macclesfield.</u>		<u>Bollington.</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>1964</u>	<u>(1963)</u>	<u>1964.</u>	<u>(1963)</u>	<u>1964.</u>	<u>(1963)</u>
<u>West Park Hospital.</u>						
	329	280	52	40	381	320
Other						
Hospitals.	42	24	4	6	46	30
Home						
Confinements	<u>308</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>55.</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>404</u>
	<u>679</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>754</u>

Of the 363 mothers who were confined at home, 55 were attended by Home Helps provided under Section 29 of the National Health Services Act.

HEALTH VISITORS.

The following visits were made by the six Health Visitors employed in the Division.

	<u>First Visits.</u>	<u>Total Visits.</u>
To Children under 12 months.	827	4006
To children 1-5 yrs	50	4822
To expectant mothers.	277	443
To Home Helps.	25	49
Re Stillbirths.	4	5
To Infant Deaths.	4	7
To cases of sickness.	-	7
To Care and After-Care	62	506
To cases of Tuberculosis.	8	31
To school Children.	84	315
Special Visits.	297	810
No access.	<u>77</u>	<u>875</u>
	1,715	11,876
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In addition to the above visits, the following clinics are attended by the Health Visitors:- Infant Welfare, Pre-School, Ante-Natal, B.C.G., Poliomyelitis, School Medical and Head Inspections and the various specialist clinics.

SECTION 25. DOMICILIARY NURSING.

There are four District Nurses and one relief nurse employed in the Division and visits were made during the year as under:-

Total Visits.	10,168
The number of patients over 64 yrs of age attended was:-	398

SECTION 26 - VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATION.

<u>Vaccination.</u>	<u>Primary.</u>	<u>Re-Vaccination.</u>
By Practitioners.	184	97
At Welfare Centres.	52	-
<u>Diphtheria Immunisation.</u>	<u>Completed.</u>	<u>Ref.</u>
By Practitioners.	393	65
At Welfare Clinics.	312	23

Whooping Cough Immunisations.

By Practitioners.
At Welfare Clinics.

Completed.

376

313

Tetanus.

By Practitioners.
At Welfare Clinics

546

330

Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

Macclesfield and Bollington.

Initial Course (Two Injections) Salk 5

Initial Course (Three Doses) Oral) Sabin) 928

No. of third injections completed (Salk) 6
Sabin (Oral) After Salk. 18

No. of reinforcing doses or oral vaccine, 522

SECTION 27 -AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Report of work done by the Ambulance Service.

Total Number of Journeys.

Total Number of
Patients Carried

Total Mileage.

Ambulance.	2486	10,956	50,982
Sitting Case			
Vehicle.	1697	23,455	61,301

SECTION 28 - PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE

Loan of Medical and Surgical Equipment.

Artic les for loan purposes are available at the Divisional Health Office. These artic les were issued during the year 1964, as follows:-

Wheel Chairs.	18
Bed Rests	42
Air Cushions	35
Bed Pans	110
Mackintosh Sheets	109
Urinals.	27
Feeding Cups.	1
Bed Cages	10
Commodes	2
Inflatable Toilet Seats	1
Crutches	1
Hoyer Hoist	3
Enuresis Alarm	3

In addition , 3800 disposable sheets were purchased for issue to District Nurses to assist them in their work where necessary.

Physically Handicapped Persons.

Adaptations to property and equipment such as provisions of handrails, ramps, toilet aids, foundations for garages and widening of paths etc., were provided in eight cases during the year, and one patient died before adaptations were commenced.

Car badges for severly disabled drivers were in use in six cases.

Tuberculosis.

	<u>Macclesfield.</u>				<u>Bollington.</u>			
	Pul- monary.		Non- Pulmonary.		Pul- monary.		Non Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No of cases on Register at 1.1.164	157	114	37	36	9	9	5	5
No.of cases on Register 31.12.64	155	111	37	37	9	9	5	6
No. of new cases notified 1964.	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
No. of deaths in 1963	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No of cases recovered, lost sight of etc.,	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-

B.C.G. Vaccination.

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis is available to children in their 13th. yr. This age group involved ten schools in the Division and the following table shows the number of children vaccinated during the year.

<u>Age Group.</u>	<u>Number of Children in age group</u>	<u>Number of Children. tested by P.P.D. Inject:</u>	<u>Number of Children vaccinated with B.C.G.</u>
1963/4	340	355	246
1964/65	440	354	281

Conversion Tests (12 months)

	<u>Follow-up Mantoux</u>	<u>Positive to follow-up Mantoux.</u>
1962/63	244	242
1963/64	229	226

CHIROPODY SERVICE.

This service is available to Pensioners, Expectant Mothers and Physically Handicapped Persons who are on National Assistance and the following new cases and total treatments were given during the year:-

	<u>No. of New Cases.</u>	<u>No. of Treatments Given.</u>	<u>Total No of Patients Treated.</u>
Persons over 65 years	160	2716	494
Physically Handicapped	3	65	13
Expectant Mothers.	-	-	-
	163	2781	507
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SECTION 29 - DOMESTIC HELP.

The majority of patients receiving Home Help are aged and infirm, with the result that it is often considered that this is the main function of the service and the Home Help Supervisor goes along to assess the needs of an old person, consult her list to see which Home Help has the necessary free time and assign her to that case. This is a false impression as help for confinements, at the homes of problem families to the mentally ill or to the family where illness prevents the mother from playing her part as housekeeper take priority over the requests for help to the aged and infirm. Such help has been provided successfully during the last year and is of major importance if the Home Help Service is to play its part in the community.

It must be remembered that the supervisor in this area, Mrs Cheetham, is shared with South-East Cheshire Division, where the population is over 75,000 and a total of 65,396 hours help was provided last year. The Supervisor is available to deal with cases in the Macclesfield Division on $2\frac{1}{2}$ days per week; and has to deal with new cases and with urgent re-organisation of old cases, with recruitment and staffing problems these matters fully occupying her time. The supervision of existing cases (apart from checking work done by the Home Helps, re-assessing the continued need for Help) is not being adequately done, because the total case load in the two divisions is too heavy.

I, and the Domestic Help Supervisor, are of the opinion that many economies could be made if there was time for more supervision.

The number of Domestic Helps on the Register at 31st December, 1964, and the total number of hours worked during the year was as follows:-

	<u>Macclesfield.</u>	<u>Bollington.</u>	<u>Total number of hours worked during 1964.</u>
Full-time	1	-	<u>1,915$\frac{3}{4}$</u>
Part-time	45	8	<u>39,117$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
			<u>41,033$\frac{1}{4}$</u>
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In the case of homeconfinements home help is usually provided for fourteen days after the date of confinement, most of the help provided is in fact for aged persons who are chronically sick or infirm and each year shows an increased demand from this group.

<u>Number of Cases attended by Home Helps.</u>	<u>1964.</u>	<u>1963.</u>
Maternity (including expectant mothers)	55	48
Chronic Sick & Tuberculosis	23	-
Persons aged 65 and over (aged and infirm)	270	297
Others.	12	9
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	360	354
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SECTION 51 - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

Junior Training Centre.

<u>No. on Register at 31st December 1964.</u>	60
<u>Total No of Attendances during 1964.</u>	9289
<u>Average daily Attendances.</u>	48
<u>No. on Staff.</u>	6

<u>AGE OF CHILDREN at 31.12.64</u>	<u>Boys.</u>	<u>Girls.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
under 5 years	1	-	1
5 - 6 years (incl)	7	9	16
7 -11 "	19	3	22
12-15 "	14	7	21
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	41	19	60
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Areas in which children reside.

Macclesfield Borough	18
Macclesfield Rural	9
Congleton Borough	3
Congleton Rural	1
Cheadle & Gatley U.D.C.	16
Wilmslow R.D.C.	9
Bramhall & Woodford U.D.C.	4

	60
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The new Centre in Park Lane was opened for admission of children on 4th March 1964, and officially opened by Sir Arthur Vere Harvey, C.B.E. M.P., on 8th May 1964.

In addition to the three classes (Infants, Juniors & Seniors) on the 25th May 1964, a special care class for children with physical handicaps was introduced. There are places for 10 children in this Unit for which two staff have been allocated.

Special gifts to the new Centre have included a piano from the Wilmslow and District Society for the Mentally Handicapped Children and a Fish Pool from the Macclesfield Ladies Circle.

All the children had medical and dental inspections during the year and a small number received free meals.

Two Open Days have been held during the year for Parents and Friends.

17 Trainees who were 16 years of age or over have been transferred to the Adult Unit during the year.

Adult Training Centre.

The centre was officially opened on Friday, 8th May 1964, by Sir Arthur Vere Harvey C.B.E. M.P.

Training Attendances however commenced on Wednesday, 4th March 1964.

Establishing the Adult Centre. has filled a great need in Macclesfield and surrounding area, evident in the eagerness with which it has been received, the comments of appreciation and the speed with which the 90 Trainee places are being filled.

Aims of the Centre. are to equip the Mentally subnormal adult with competence in workshop practise and industrial skills, so that where-ever possible a job of work in the community can be taken. Emphasis also is placed on social and personal training, such as physical health, hygiene, personal appearance,

Aims of the Centre cont'd - occupation of leisure, current affairs and the continuation of Junior Centre Training i.e. Reading, writing and money values where this is found helpful.

Activities. include outwork from local industry, e.g. assembling electrical component parts and cardboard box separators, repetition work for the printing industry, making and stringing carrier bags for a well known local firm. Apart from outwork, Cotton floor mops, Chamois washleathers, fireside stools, occasional tables and many woodwork jobs are made. The girls apart from taking part in the industrial work are taught machine sewing and all the domestic crafts. Simple domestic science is part of the training too, including cooking and the preparation of simple meals. The centre has a laundry unit where work is done for the Ambulance Service and Day Nurseries and this it is planned to increase. The trainees maintain the grounds and a greenhouse; mowing the lawns, planting and bedding. During the year there was a very successful crop of tomatoes in the greenhouse which supplied fruit for sale and use in the kitchen.

Open Days.

Saturday, 9th May 1964.

Saturday, 21st November 1964.

Visitors.

June 3rd. Miss. M. Gordon, Advisory Mental Welfare Officer for the Ministry of Health.

June 10th. Area Youth Employment Officer.

June 28th. Medical Officer of Health, Caernarvon, Dr. Parry Pritchard and party.

September 7th. Ministry of National Insurance and Pensions Official

November 19th. School Doctors and Youth Employment Officers.

Outing.

Tuesday July 14th. Chester Zoo.

Attendances.

Number on Register at opening of Centre.	21
Number on Register at 31st December 1964.	63
Total number of attendances during 1964.	7046
Number of Staff at 31st December 1964.	5

SENIOR MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1964.

Oak House,
Brunswick Street,
MACCLESFIELD.

To, The Chairman and Members
of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is once again my privilege and pleasure to present the Annual Report on the work of the Mental Health Service in Macclesfield and Bollington during the year 1964.

The growing awareness in the community of the values of services provided by the Mental Health Department continues to place an ever increasing demand on the Mental Welfare Officer.

1964 has been a most interesting and active year in the development of local services for the mentally disordered, and in May we were privileged to witness the official opening of the Junior and Adult Training Centres by Sir Arthur Vere Harvey, M.P. an event which made available to the mentally subnormal child the most comprehensive and up-to-date training facilities in congenial surroundings. Thus the mentally subnormal adult, was, for the first time in the history of the local community enabled to take advantage of modern and constructive training techniques or occupational therapy, and in this respect we are fortunate to have Mr. Lowe as the Superintendent.

Liaison with other agencies both statutory and voluntary has been maintained and the Mental Welfare Officer has worked very closely with the General Practitioner in effecting the rehabilitation of the mentally disordered.

Social clubs for the mentally disordered continued to function throughout 1964 and include the Over 16's Club for the mentally subnormal, which meets at fortnightly intervals.

A Therapeutic Social Club for the mentally ill was introduced in Macclesfield at the beginning of May also. This ended months of planning and I am greatly indebted, for the wholehearted support and encouragement received, from the Chairman and Members of the Steering Committee together with the Chairman and Members of the County Health Committee, Dr. Arnold Brown, County Medical Officer, Dr. Plews Divisional Medical Officer and the Chairman and Members of the Divisional Health Committee.

Initial club meetings were held at the Bridge Street Clinic but within a short space of time the club out grew its accommodation and we were fortunate enough to transfer meetings to the new Adult Training Centre where, it has continued to flourish. Average weekly attendances are 25 people, but membership now extends to over 100

Meetings are at weekly intervals in the evenings, and activities are many and varied, ranging from card games, table tennis and darts to group discussions and activities such as theatre outings etc., At each club meeting a Consultant Psychiatrist is in attendance, together with the Mental Welfare Officer and it is in this environment that the full therapeutic value of the club is administered to the mentally ill and their relatives.

Results so far have been most stimulating to all concerned and the Bridge Club, as it is so named, may, I feel, be now recognised as one of the most advanced therapeutic social clubs in the country.

The success of this club is in no small way due to the unfailing help and support by the members of the Mental Health Department staff, voluntary workers and hospital nursing and medical staff who give up so much of their free time to assist at club meetings and outings etc.,

The overall number of cases dealt with by officers of this department, as in previous years, continues to increase, and in conclusion I submit a table of statistics showing the way in which cases referred to the department during 1964 have been dealt with from this office. It can be seen that there is a marked increase on those submitted for 1963, and you will note that this year I have introduced, for the first time, figures appertaining to the Elderly. I feel that it is of importance to note that there is a marked increase in the demand for services for the Elderly Mentally Infirm and you will observe by comparing the figures for 1964 with those for 1963 that there has been an increase in demand of over 25%

The figures included in this report do not of course include the total number of cases dealt with by this department.

Notifications and Admission etc.,

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Informal Admission	33	50	83
Compulsory Admission following applications under the Mental Health Act 1959.	22	29	51
Referred to Other Departments.	8	15	23
Referred to Psychiatric Out-Patient Clinics.	14	38	52
Referred to General Practitioners.	6	14	20
Cases where No Action considered necessary.	27	23	50
Cases retained by this department for Domiciliary Supervision.	24	40	64
 Totals.	134	209	343

Elderly Mentally Infirm.

Male - 65+

Female- 60+

Total.

1963.	23	50	73
1964	30	63	93

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

L. MEADWELL.

AREA MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bollington Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1964.

I was appointed to the dual post of Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer to your authority on the 27th January 1964 and so have had 11 months to establish the new combined Health and Housing Department.

At the end of the year the female clerk who was appointed in April resigned to take up duties more compatible with her skills, and preparations were being made for the combined departments to move from the one room we occupied on the first floor to offices shortly to be vacated by the surveyors department on the second floor.

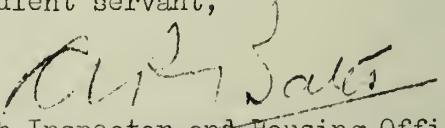
Housing inspection and supervision both as Housing Officer and Public Health Inspector occupied a considerable amount of time during the period under review, and it was unfortunate for the planned slum clearance programme that I was taken ill in October and spent seven weeks on the sick list. Thus the year ended without any real progress being made in our efforts to deal with the Clearance Area property in the district.

In the food Hygiene field, progress was made in the provision of hand washing facilities on the vehicles of mobile traders.

I should like to express my thanks to the officers and staff of the Council for their help in this past year of office; to my predecessor, Mr. B.J.Overbury of Macclesfield Rural District who has always been ready to put at my disposal his unique knowledge of the area and to Dr.W.R.Plews, the Medical Officer of Health.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,


C. J. Bates
Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer.

WATER SUPPLY.

There are three sources of water supplied to the district by the Macclesfield District Water Board, who took over the water undertaking from the Council as from 1st April 1961.

- (1) A borehole at Millbrook from which water is raised by pumping.
- (2) An underground stream at Lowerhouse, flowing under gravity.
- (3) A second borehole upstream of Millbrook at Danebent.

Sources (1) & (2) are in constant use while (3) would be used only in times of exceptionally high demand, i.e. following frost etc., The only treatment given to the water from all three sources is chlorination, followed by a contact period of time in service reservoirs.

The specific information regarding the supply requested by the Ministry of Health is set out below:-

- (a) The water supply has generally been satisfactory in quantity and quality, but the Lowerbrook underground stream source is tending now, owing to the higher standards prevailing, to fall short of acceptance as a public supply.
- (b) Bacteriological examinations are made weekly in respect of the treated water and only at infrequent intervals of the raw water.
- (c) There is no evidence that any of the waters have a plumbosolvent action but the Millbrook underground stream source has a low pH value.
- (d) No action has had to be taken during the year in respect of any new form of contamination.
- (e) The number of houses supplied directly from the public mains is 2138 and the population 5,700.
The sole exception is a farm house on the Urban District boundary which is 350 yards from the nearest main.

There are no standpipes in the area.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

General.

The majority of dwellinghouses in the district are connected to the public sewer, and treatment of sewage is undertaken at the Council's Lowerhouse sewage disposal works. The Council have long realised the inadequacy of these works and were advised some years ago by their Consulting Engineers that large-scale improvements to cope with the large volumes of trade and effluent, which industrial firms were being pressed by the River Board to discharge into the sewer instead of brook courses, could not be recommended because of the technical problems of satisfactorily dealing with sewage with too high a proportion of trade effluent.

Accordingly, negotiations have proceeded over several years with the operators of Industrial premises in Bollington and with the Macclesfield Corporation, to finalise a scheme whereby the existing Lowerhouse sewage works would be abandoned and all domestic sewage and trade effluent conveyed by trunk sewer for treatment at the Macclesfield Corporation Butley Sewage Works. Agreement between the Council and Industrialists on financial considerations, on the basis of annual payments to the Council on a "Sewer capacity provided" basis, was in sight and the extensions of the Butley works proceeding, when the Mersey River Board indicated that the conditions of their consent to the Bollington Printing Company to discharge effluent to the brookcourse would require a much greater proportion to be discharged to the Council's sewer.

Because this change of policy threatened many of the details of the Consultant's provisional scheme, the advice of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government was sought. As a result, the Council agreed to submit to the Minister, for approval, a £89,700 scheme on the lines indicated above, allowing for the maximum anticipated discharge of both trade effluent and domestic sewage in the foreseeable future.

The scheme was approved in principal by the Minister during the present year.

In 1962 the Council agreed to bear the whole cost of emptying domestic septic tanks in the district, utilising the vehicle owned by the Macclesfield Rural District Council,

During 1964, six tanks were emptied at a total cost to the Council of £16. 10. Od

HOUSING.

General.

The Council's programme for slum clearance in the area of the "Square" Church Street, did not proceed as was anticipated. This was mainly due to the many difficulties which beset the combined department during the year.

Individual unfit houses.

No. 10 Beeston Brow was made subject to a Closing Order in 1963, and the Council accepted an undertaking from the owner to render the house fit for human habitation in accordance with the schedule of works submitted by the owner. During the present year the house was made fit and the Closing Order cancelled.

Nos. 8 and 10 Bollington Road were demolished by the owner without resort to the service of Demolition Orders.

26 houses were made fit by owners of property after informal action, and 4 houses were made fit after formal action was taken.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

1. Discretionary Grants.

The Council's Surveyor has furnished the following particulars relative to Improvement Grants.

Year	Applications Approved Owner Occupiers	Owners of rented houses.	Total amount of grant approved	Schemes completed.
1954/58	38	4	£8,877	31
1959/63	36	3	£7,191	41
1963	7	2	£1,975	13
1964	4	-	£ 656	2

2. STANDARD GRANTS.

Year	Applications Approved Owner/Occupier	Owners of "rented" houses	Total	Schemes completed					Total Grant
				1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	
1960/63	24	5	20	1	1	2	2	14	£1919. 8. 5
1963	7	4	5	-	-	-	-	1	£ 527. 6.10
1964	11	1	10	-	1	-	3	6	£1099. 0. 0

Certificates of disrepair.

No applications were made for Certificates of Disrepair during 1964

New Houses.

The number of new houses erected during the year are as follows:-

(1) By Local Authority	Nil
(2) By other persons	49

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS, VISITS ETC.,

Animals, Keeping of.	-	4
Caravan Sites.	-	5
Drainage.	-	12
Factories.	-	9
<u>Food Inspection.</u>	-	
Meat.	-	502
Other Foods.	-	36
<u>Food Premises.</u>	-	
Bakehouses.	-	6
Food Preparing premises.	-	14
Food Shops.	-	17
Slaughterhouses (Cruelty & Hygiene Reg)	-	201
<u>Housing.</u>	-	
Slum Clearance.	-	13
Inspection of dwellinghouses	-	93
Reinspection of dwellinghouses.	-	31
Visits to applicants for Council Houses/		
Bungalows.	-	115
Inspections re improvement grants.	-	8
Council house complaints.	-	331
Dirty premises/insect Infestations.	-	6
Infectious Diseases/Food poisoning.	-	3
Petroleum installations.	-	3
Rodent Control.	-	315
Smoke observations/Insp. of Industr:Plant.	-	3
Streams and Culverts.	-	5
Litter.	-	4
Smoke Abatement.	-	4
Miscellaneous.	-	37

During the year reciprocal arrangements were made with the Macclesfield Rural District Council to the effect that the Inspectors of that Authority would carry out duties (mainly meat inspection) in Bollington Urban District during times of illness or holiday, and that your Public Health Inspector would carry out similar functions for the Macclesfield Rural District Council if the need arose.

Meat Inspection.

The following charges, which are less than the maximum permitted charges, have been fixed by the Council for the inspection of animals intended for the food of man, provided that operators restrict calls for meat inspection to normal working hours, except in the case of emergencies.

Bovines, other than calves.	1/3d
Calves or Pigs.	6d
Sheep or Goats.	3d

Details of the animals slaughtered and inspected, and the incidence of disease etc., are set out in the following table:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED 1964

	Cattle Including Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Pigs.	Sheep and Lambs.
Number Killed (if known)	1116	8	14	1547	4830
Number inspected	1116	8	14	1547	4830
Corresponding figure 1963	1175	102	36	1606	5643
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	1	-	1	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	57	1	-	26	67
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	5.1%	25%	-	1.8%	1.5%
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	6	-	8	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis,	-	75%	-	1.9%	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

SAMPLING.

ICE-CREAM.

Four samples were taken during the year, and all were reported upon as within the provisional Bacteriological Grade 1.

MILK.

SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS.

The regular routine sampling of milk in the district is undertaken by the County Council Health Department, which is the Licensing authority for bottling and dealers establishments under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations.

The results of the sampling are received from the County Officers. No evidence was found during the year of tubercle bacilli in milk, but there was one case in which evidence of brucella organisms were found in a bulk sample of milk (from a herd in the district) a portion of which is retailed in an adjoining area as raw milk. Since the completion of the Ministry of Agriculture's eradication programme for tuberculosis, the County Council has turned its attention to the incidence of brucellosis in milk. Brucella organisms are destroyed by heat treatment of milk, but their presence in raw milk can produce undulant fever in humans. Where evidence of the presence of these organisms is demonstrated in routine sampling, as in this case, immediate action is set in motion to isolate the affected cow (so to prevent the milk being sold in its raw state)

The following table summarises the work of the County Council in respect of sampling for the presence of Brucella Abortus in the milk supplies of the district.

	Total submitted.	Number Brucella positive.
Bulk Samples.	29	1
Dealer samples.	10	1
Individual Cow Samples.	4	-
Total	43	2

There were, at the end of 1964, 6 Dairy herds in the district from which milk was sold raw to the public.

FOOD PREMISES.

Bakehouses. There are three bakehouses in use in the district. It is interesting to recall that in 1950 there were fourteen.

CLEAN AIR.

There are no smoke control areas in the district. During the year progress was made in efforts to reduce the industrial smoke. Towards the end of the year one particularly persistent offender had made arrangements to install a further boiler which it was anticipated would, when in operation, considerably reduce the excessive load on the existing single boiler.

RODENT CONTROL.

The Council has an obligation to inspect their district for infestations of rats and mice and to carry out the treatment for their extermination on their own properties. A part-time Rodent Operator is employed for these purposes, who also undertakes treatment of vermin at private dwelling houses free of charge and at business premises at the expense of the occupiers. Several of the larger industrial premises and a few farms are serviced under annual contracts.

The total number of properties inspected for infestations as a result of notification was 126 and the number inspected during the course of survey 504.

FACTORIES ACT.

Prescribed particulars on administration of Factories Act.
Inspection of the provisions as to health.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Number of Written Notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers prosecuted.</u>
Factories in which sections. 1/2/3/4/5 are enforced by Local Authority.	1	-	-	-
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A. Local Authority (excluding) out-workers' premises.	28	9	1	-
	-	-	-	-

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Insp.	by H.M. Insp.	
Sanitary conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other offences against the Act. (Not including Offences relating to outworkers)			2	-	-

OUTWORK.

Nature of Work.	Number of outworkers in August list req'd by section 110(1)(c)	No of cases of default. in sending lists to Council.	No of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome places.	Notice Served.
Wearing Apparel (Making -up etc)	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

The following table shows the number of registrations and inspections made under the provisions of the above Act.

No of premises registered during the year.	No of registered premises at the end of year.	No of registered premises receiving a general inspection
Offices. 7	7	-
Retail Shops. 12	12	10
Wholesale Shops/ Warehouses -	-	-
Catering establishments open to Public Canteens. 1	1	1
Fuel Storage depots. 1	1	-



